

As an active ham radio operator I fully support the elimination of Morse Code as a requirement to obtain an amateur radio license. Those who would like to learn code and communicate with it are free to do so. But, to require the mastery of this one form of communication only serves to hamper the growth of amateur radio.

With the increased importance of homeland security, our nation will be better served by having more people able to utilize the powers of amateur radio during times of emergency, both local and national.

There is no rational reason to continue the Morse Code requirement, only emotional and historical ones. Rather, hams should prove that they understand the rules and regulations of efficient operation and have the technical knowledge required to properly operate their equipment to obtain a license.

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